**ICT/Computing and Business department 2018-19**

The department consist of 1 full-time and 1 part-time teacher. The newly created ICT and Business team is a blend of experience and enthusiasm and their dedicated and determined approach to teaching lead to positive progress for all students.

The department is principally housed in one area with access to 5 ICT teaching rooms. All of the ICT classrooms are equipped with Interactive Whiteboards.

Our new KS3 curriculum is delivered in Y7-Y9 where pupils are taught in banded ability groups. Our new computing curriculum is a dynamic and changing discipline, offering an evolving and varied curriculum that as far as possible keeps up to date with technology. Where possible the subject is linked to applications outside of school life. Each classroom has 29/30 machines s that each student has access to a machine during less time. ICT rooms are bookable to other subjects across the school when ICT lessons are not taking place.

Both ICT and Business are offered to Year 9 students as an option and often both oversubscribed subjects with fantastic outcomes. The ICT department are currently offering CIDA and are looking at offering a Computing based course over the next year. Business offer the Edexcel GCSE 9-1 qualification.

Aims

The ICT and Business teaching at Murray Park is geared towards enabling each pupil to develop within their capabilities: not only the ICT and Business skills and understanding required for later life, but also an enthusiasm and fascination about ICT and Business itself.

We aim to:

* Increase pupil confidence in ICT and Business so they are able to express themselves and their ideas using the language of ICT and Business with assurance
* Stimulate pupils’ interest in ICT and Business
* Encourage pupils to think logically, and to solve problems

We are continually aiming to raise the standards of achievement of the pupils at Murray Park.

This is an exciting time to join the school, which is currently undergoing an expansion and a new build. If you would like further information or to discuss any aspects of the post then please contact me at the school.

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